Meso - America

Time Line Ancient Meso-America

~20K BC- Asians cross Bering onto the Americas: first humans in America

4000BC- Cultivation of maize begins in Mexico

1000BC – Olmecs, Gulf Cost region of southern Mexico, soon expanded to Guatemala

1000BC- Chavin, same time

period as Olmecs.

First urban culture

on South American

continent. High-

200BC- Nazca, Found along the Coastal Desert Plain in present day Peru

300 BC – Beginning of Teotihuacan in the Valley of Mexico

200AD- Beginning of Classical
Mexican civilization
[until 750]:
Teotihuacan in the
Valley of Mexico.
Monte Alban in
Oaxaca

300AD- Beginning of Classical Mayan civilization on Yucatan Peninsula [to 900]; Mayans invent paper, solar calendar,

600AD- Huari and Tiahuanaco peoples in the Andes

700AD-Moche die out and Chimu’ arrive on scene.

AD800- The Anasazi

[Ancient Ones], live in the southeast part of what is to become the U S. Live in Pueblos.

The Hopewell were at the same time far to the East creating a distinctive culture in what is present day southern Ohio.

In or around AD600 a group of people called

Mississippians settled along the Mississippi River.

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950AD-Beginning of the Toltec Civilization in Tula, Mexico; invade the Mayan city of Chichen Itza

1325 – AZTEC CAPITAL OF Tenochtitlan founded, [current day Mexico City}

1350 – Beginning of Inca Empire in Peru [till 1533]

1428 – Beginning of great

Aztec conquest [till –

1519]

1519 – Defeat of Aztec Empire

by Cortes

1533 – Defeat of Inca Empire

by Pazarro

Source; Richard Hooker